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1. The Gdynia - Gdansk port authorities recently ordered recruitment of temporary workers for transloading work in the ports, in an endeavor to overcome the shortage of labor.
2. A considerable number of amateurs reported for such work at first, especially white-collar employees, who, after the recent salary changes, found themselves in difficult financial situations, earning an average of 700 to 900 zl. monthly. Payment for piece work was to be from 30 to 50 zl. for work done between the hours of 1700 and 2300.
3. After a short time, the number of volunteers for this work diminished considerably, and now it is difficult to find any, despite pressure exercised by the Basic Party Organization. The decrease in volunteers is due to the following factors:
  - a. The actual work takes much less than eight hours,<sup>1</sup> because considerable time is wasted on control at the entrance to the port, on arranging work, and on control on boarding ships. Moreover, work is constantly being interrupted because goods are not delivered on time. Thus, in view of piece work rates, the average daily earnings amount to 20 zl. instead of a possible 50 zl.
  - b. Volunteers have not been provided with overalls, as promised. Since they are employed mostly on reloading ore, coal, cement, and similar cargoes which damage clothes and shoes, the additional earnings do not cover the worn-out clothing, the cost of replacements being much higher than the possible extra money.

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1. Comment. Source presumably means six hours.

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